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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO TURKISH PRIME MINISTER FROM
DEPUTY SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY
TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AT EARLIEST APPROPRIATE TIME,
PRESUMABLY OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 3.
BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY VERY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE
GENEROUS HOSPITALITY YOU AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXTEND-
ED TO ME AND MY ASSOCIATES IN ANKARA. I WAS PARTICULARLY
GRATIFIED BY THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOU PERSONALLY WERE ABLE
TO SPEND WITH ME AND THE DEPTH AND SINCERITY OF OUR CON-
VERSATIONS. I BELIEVE THAT OUR EXCHANGES CONTRIBUTED TO
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OUR COMMON EFFORT TO REVITALIZE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I HAVE ALREADY GIVEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE
AN ACCOUNT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS AND INDICATED THAT I THOUGHT
OUR TALKS WERE PRODUCTIVE AND USEFUL. BOTH THE PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY WERE PLEASED BY THE COURSE OF OUR

CONVERSATIONS. SINCE OUR MEETING, I HAVE PROVIDED A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IN GERMANY, AND FOREIGN MINISTER OWEN IN LONDON, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR AID TO TURKEY.

I NOW ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT PROMPTLY AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER'S RETURN, HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 6.

MAY I EXPRESS AGAIN, MR. PRIME MINISTER, MY APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS WHICH YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES TOOK TO PRESENT TURKEY'S CONCERNS, EXPECTATIONS, AND FUTURE PLANS. PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS IN UNITED STATES-TURKISH RELATIONS AND TO INAUGURATING A NEW ERA OF TURKISH-AMERICAN COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

WARREN CHRISTOPHER END TEXT
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2. IN CONVEYING MESSAGE, YOU SHOULD ORALLY EXPRESS DEPUTY SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION FOR WHATEVER ECEVIT IS ABLE TO DO IN THE COMING DAYS TO ENHANCE THE CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES. IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY AND PARTY APPRECIATED THE SENSITIVITY WITH WHICH TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY CONSTRUCTED MARCH 30 STATEMENT (ANKARA 2379), AS WELL AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S SKILLFUL AND EFFECTIVE PRESS CONFERENCE (ANKARA 2435). CHRISTOPHER

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